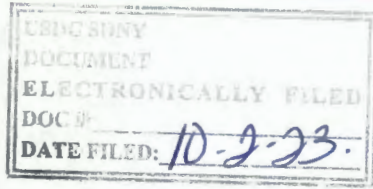




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**BY ECF**

The Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
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**Re: *United States v. Cardenas et al.*, 21 Cr. 359 (LAK)**

Dear Judge Kaplan:

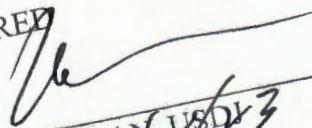
The Government, with the consent of defendants Jey James Roldan Cardenas, Mauricio Rene Garcia Quimbayo, Jose Alfredo Aguas Oviedo, and Oscar Gomez Romero, respectfully requests that the Court exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act until May 7, 2024, which is the first day of trial in the above-captioned matter as to these defendants. Such an exclusion of time will permit the parties to continue to engage in discussions regarding a potential pretrial resolution of this case and to prepare for trial. The Government respectfully submits that the ends of justice served by granting the requested continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial.

Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED

  
LEWIS A. KAPLAN, U.S.D.J.  
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